

STREAM BUFFER REGULATIONS

On August 21, 2008, City Council passed Committee Substitute for Ordinance Nos. 080736 and 080770 establishing Chapter 65 and an effective date of February 14, 2009 relating to Stream Buffers, Conservation and Open Space Development, respectively. The City Council subsequently passed Committee Substitute for Ordinance Nos. 081033 creating the new Development Code Chapter 88 and transitioning the Chapter 65 Sections and the Chapter 80, Sections 80-209-01 through 80-209-06 into the Chapter 88, specifically Sections 415 and 410 respectively. The City Clerk's webpage is where the ordinances can be viewed on Municode.

View the Stream Buffer Ordinance online via Municode or Zoning Plus.

The affected streams in Kansas City have been inventoried and are identified by a blue line on the map for north of the river and south of the river (i.e. <u>Natural Resources Protection Maps North</u> and <u>Natural Resources Protection Maps South</u> respectively.) Note, the end point of the blue line does not signify the endpoint of the regulation, the blue line simply identify the regulated stream branches.

Chapter 88-415 mandates preliminary and final buffer plans. Stream buffers apply to projects depending on certain criteria and conditions outlined in Section 88-415-02-A through F of the Development Code.

Land Development Division Inspection staff can assist with riparian woodland delineations in answering questions, however the delineation shall be performed by a third party qualified to perform such delineations. Developers and Applicants should review these ordinances along with supporting training guides before making preliminary and final buffer plan submittals to Land Development Division and/or undertaking a conservation development. Additional aids are provided below.

Stream Setback Fact Sheet
Preliminary and Final Buffer Plan Checklist
Riparian Tree Field Guide
Stream Setback Ordinance Training Guide

For additional assistance, contact Land Development Division, Plan Review (816)513-1500, Option (2) ask for Plan Review Supervisor.